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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

1. DEPTY ASST SEC (IO) HELMAN MET WITH FSFA ASST SEC FOR
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS KOMATINA AND DIRECTOR FSFA OFFICE FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS JAZIC ON MARCH 28-29 TO DISCUSS
THE UPCOMING SSOD.

2. YUGOSLAVS BEGAN BY NOTING THAT THE SSOD WAS PART OF A PROCESS
TOWARD ACHIEVING A NEW MORE DEMOCRATIC, MORE UNIVERSAL,
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SYSTEM, A PROCESS WHICH HAD BEGUN WITH
DETENTE AND PROGRESSED WITH THE DEBATE OVER THE NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER AND THE "DEMOCRATIZATION" OF THE UN. TO FURTHER THIS
PROCESS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE UN MACHINERY BE RESTRUCTURED
TO DEAL MORE ADEQUATELY WITH DISARMAMENT. THE NUCLEAR POWERS
SHOULD MAKE REPORTS TO THE UN ON THE COURSE OF ARMS
NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE ROLE OF UNGA SHOULD BE INCREASED IN
ORDER TO BRING FRANCE AND CHINA INTO THE DISCUSSIONS.
HELMAN NOTED THAT IN STATEMENTS TO THE UNGA SUCH AS THAT
DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT CARTER LAST FALL, THE US HAD
KEPT MEMBERS OF THE UN WELL INFORMED OF THE
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DEVELOPMENTS ON KEY ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. HE REQUESTED
GOY TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO NATURE OF ACCOUNTING SOUGHT.
JAZIC REMINED VAGUE, STRESSING AGAIN THAT THE CONCEPT OF
UN RESPONSIBILITY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PROCEDURE.

3. YUGOSLVS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THERE WAS A
DISCREPANCY BETWEEN OFFICIAL US SUPPORT FOR THE SSOD AND

THE LACK OF A COMPREHENSIVE US PROPOSAL FOR A PLAN OF ACTION. THEY INDICATED THEIR BELIEF THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THIS SESSION TO ADOPT "CONCRETE MEASURES" AS WELL AS GENERAL PRINCIPLES. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY INQUIRED WHETHER ANY OF THE ARMS DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS SALT, MBFR, TEST BAN, WOULD BEAR FRUIT IN TIME FOR THE SSOD. HELMAN RESPONDED THAT US HAD BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO CONCEPT OF SSOD FROM THE BEGINNING. WHILE THERE ARE NO PLANS YET TO TACKLE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM, THE US IS GIVING CAREFUL THOUGHT TO ISSUES SUCH AS CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION AS WELL AS STUDYING OTHER POSSIBILITIES SUCH AS CBMS. HELMAN ADDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THESE WOULD BE FULLY READY BY THE SSOD. HE ALSO RAISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND IN THAT REGARD DREW ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON UN REFORM. HELMAN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THE SPECIFIC ON-GOING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TANGIBLE RESULTS DURING THE SSOD, BUT WHILE AGREEING THAT THIS WOULD BE A DESIRABLE COINCIDENCE, THE US COULD NOT LET THAT DESIRE LEAD TO AN OTHERWISE UNACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT.

4. YUGOSLAVS REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY BUT SHOWED GREAT FLEXIBILITY IN INTERPRETING WHAT THIS PRIORITY MEANS. JAZIC STATED THAT IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT NO OTHER ISSUES SHOULD BE TAKEN UP
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UNTIL PROGRESS IS MADE ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, BUT RATHER INDICATED WHERE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE LAID IN WHAT COULD BE PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS. HE PROPOSED AS A POSSIBILITY THAT REGIONAL GROUPINGS COULD SET THEIR OWN PRIORITIES ON OTHER THAN NUCLEAR MATTERS. HELMAN ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE, STATING HE ASSUMED GOY UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR SENSITIVITY STEMMING FROM NATO'S STRATEGIC POSTURE. NEVERTHELESS, THE US AND INDIVIDUAL ALLIES, SUCH AS UK, WERE GIVING IT CAREFUL THOUGHT.

5. JAZIC LAID GREAT STRESS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF NUCLEAR POWERS PROVIDING TO NON-NUCLEAR POWERS GUARANTEES AGAINST THE USE OR THREAT OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST THEM. THIS WAS, HE ASSERTED, MORE THAN JUST A PAPER ASSURANCE. JAZIC STATED THAT GOY RECOGNIZED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME

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BALANCE REACHED BETWEEN PRESSURES FOR PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND PRESSURES FOR NON-PROLIFERATION
MEASURES. SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT
ELEMENT OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST WHICH WOULD AID THE
NUCLEAR NATIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER NON-PROLIFERATION
PROVISIONS.

6. HELMAN INDICATED THE USEFULNESS OF A GENERAL DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD BE BRIEF, UNDERSTANDABLE,
AND PERSUASIVE AND WOULD REFLECT THE DEVOTION OF THE
NATIONS ASSEMBLED TO DISARMAMENT. THE YUGOSLAVS AGREED,
COMMENTING THEY SAW NO PROBLEM SINCE MUCH LANGUAGE WAS
ALREADY AVAILABLE FROM PAST RESOLUTIONS.

7. HELMAN POINTED OUT THE UTILITY OF REACHING DECISIONS
BY CONSENSUS, AS A METHOD OF ENSURING SUPPORT FOR AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS. YUGOSLAVS AGREED BUT
NOTED BY WAY OF RESERVATION THAT THEY HAD SEEN AN
OCCASIONAL FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT EVEN DECISIONS REACHED BY
CONSENSUS. THEY ADDED THAT CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE ALLOWED
TO BECOME ANOTHER FORM OF VETO POWER.
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8. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, KOMATINA STATED TITO STILL
CONSIDERING ATTENDING SSOD. HE WOULD RATE ODD AS
51-49 IN FAVOR OF ATTENDANCE BUT AT THE MOMENT GOY IS
STILL SOUNDING OUT VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS. OBVIOUSLY, HE
NOTED, TITO ATTACHES GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS SPECIAL

SESSION BUT NEVERTHELESS WOULD NOT WANT TO BE ONLY ONE THERE.
(COMMNT - OR ONE OF THE FEW NON-ALIGNED HEADS OF STATE.)
AT PRESENT THE ONLY FIRM COMMITMENT IS THE INDIAN PRIME
MINISTER. JAZIC ADDED THAT "EVERYONE" IS EXPECTING
PRESIDENT CARTER TO ADDRESS THE SSOD (A COUPLE OF DAYS
LATER KOMATINA TOLD AMB THAT ODDS WERE NOT 51-49
AGAINST TITO'S ATTENDANCE AT SSOD.)

9. JAZIC AGREED TO HELMAN SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE FURTHER
US-GOY CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE NEXT UNGA.

10. COMMENT: GOY IS CLEARLY INTERESTED TO OBTAIN
SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS AT THE SSOD. THEY DO NOT, HOWEVER,
SEEMS QUITE SURE HOW BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS. YUGOSLAVS
AGREED WITH US VIEW THAT IT BEST TO REACH AGREEMENT OR
GREATLY NARROW AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AT THE PRELIMINARY
SESSIONS, BUT THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURAL MECHANISM FOR
THIS STILL ELUDES THEM. HELMAN SUGGESTED SMALL WORKING
GROUPS, WHICH MET WITH SOME FAVOR, BUT THE GOY IDEA OF
SMALL TENDED TO REMAIN QUITE LARGE.

11. FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH FSFA OFFICIALS ON ADDITIONAL
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